



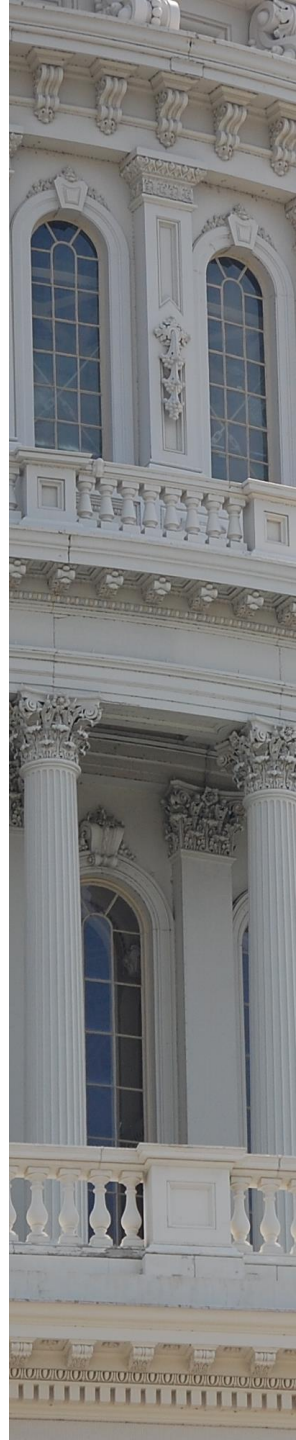
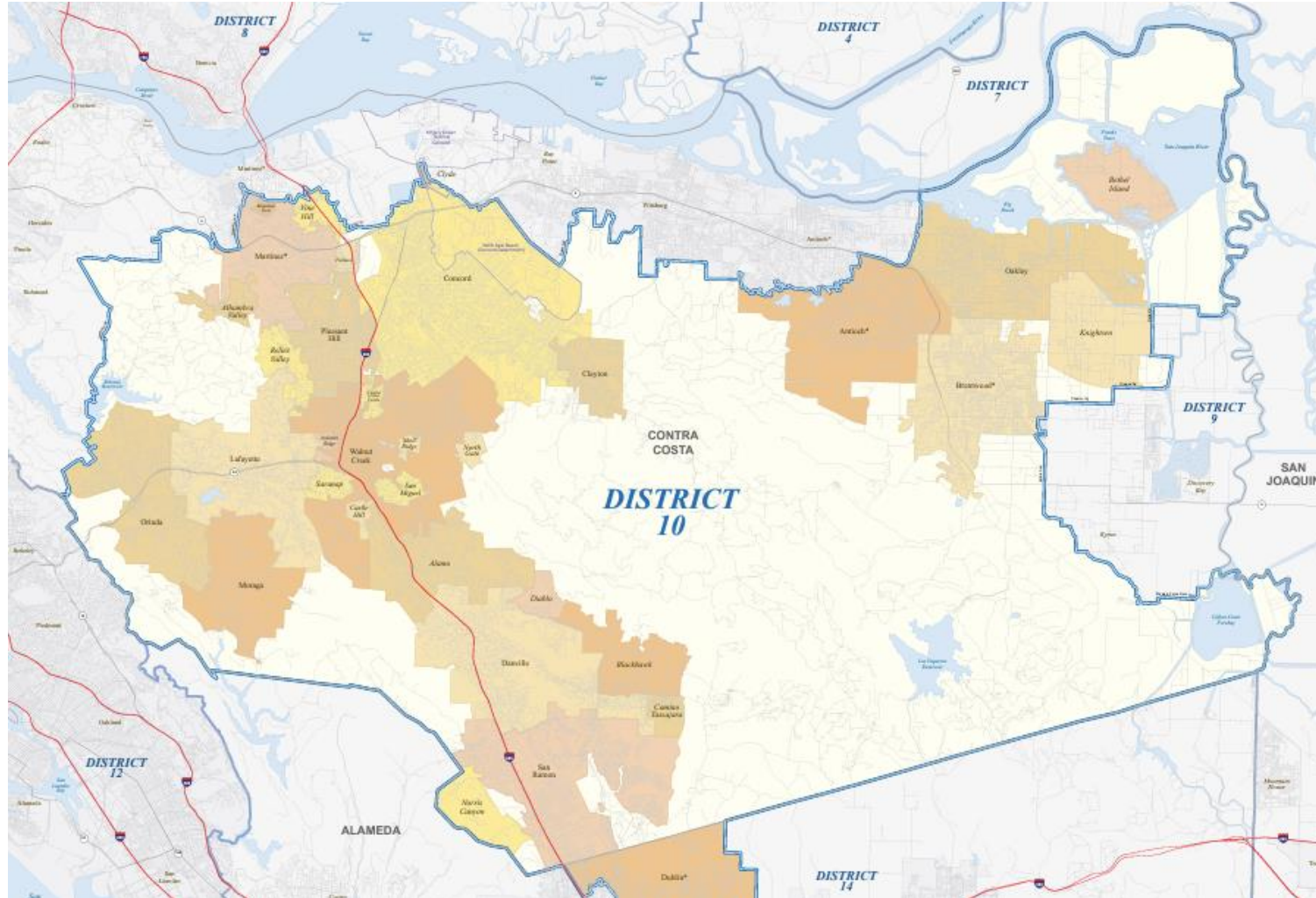
Town Hall: Congress and the New Administration

Hosted by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (CA-10)

January 30, 2025

California's 10th Congressional District

CA-10 includes
most of Contra
Costa and part
of Alameda
County



Accomplishments of the Biden-Harris Administration

Inflation Reduction Act

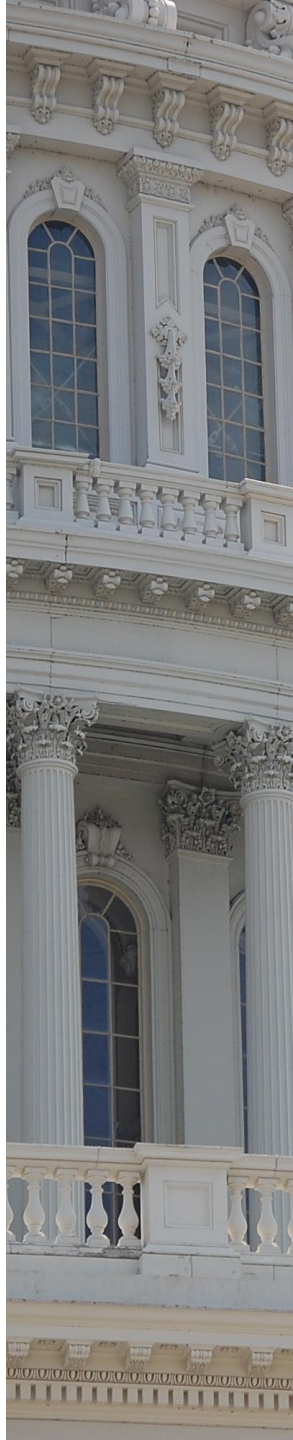
- \$369 billion investment to lower costs of prescription drugs, health care, and energy while addressing the climate crisis, requiring big corporations to pay their fair share, and reducing the deficit.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

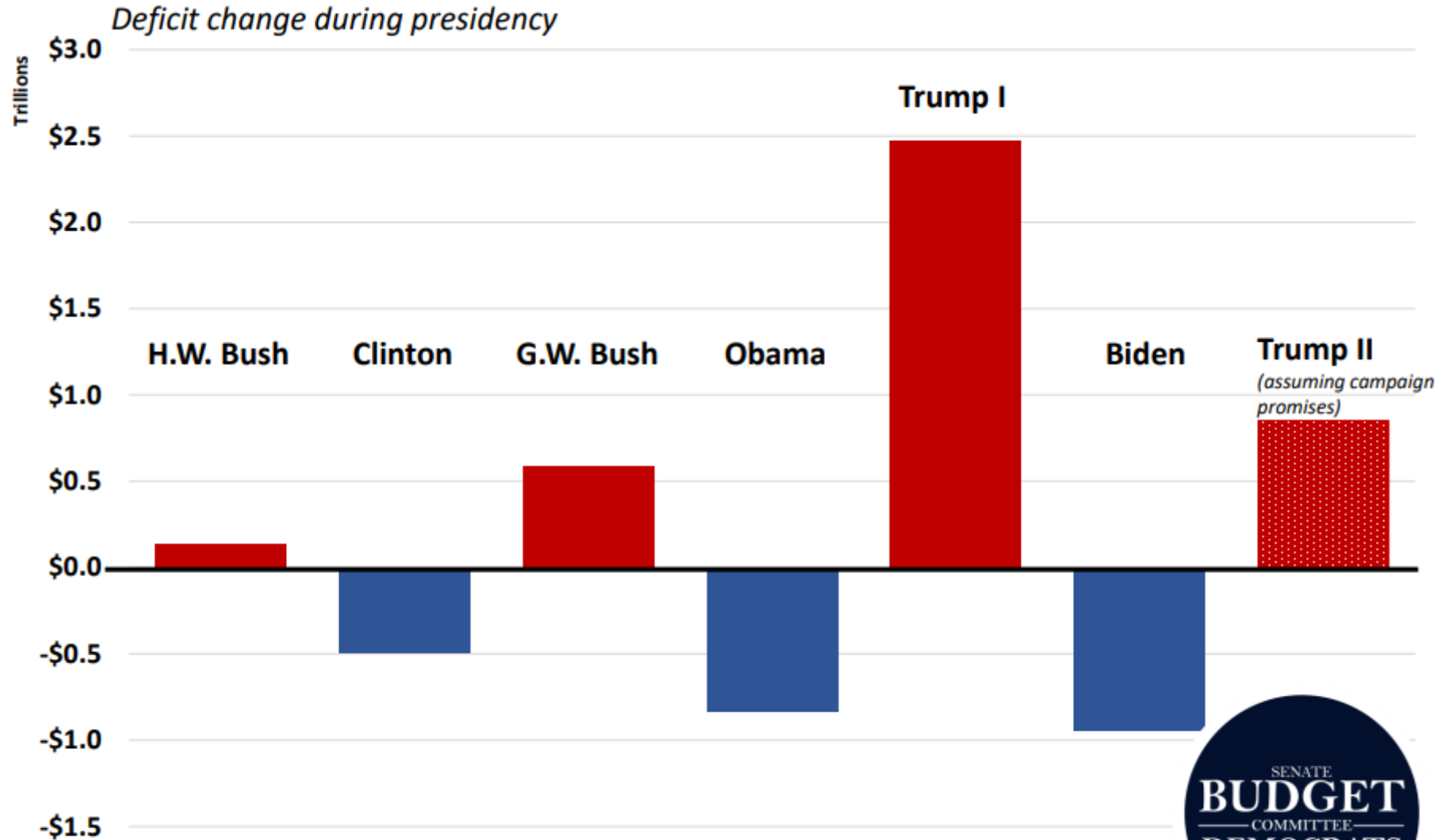
- \$1.2 trillion investment to repair roads and bridges, improve public transportation, expand the EV charging network, and bolster water and airport infrastructure.
- \$1.25 billion for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grants, which includes the Clean Corridors Act grant program

And More:

- CHIPS and Science Act, expanded benefits to toxic exposed veterans, over 17 million jobs added to the economy, first significant gun safety law in 30 years.



History of Balanced Budgets



Source: CBO, showing the difference between the first year and last year. "Trump II" projections are Senate Budget Committee calculations based on CBO, JCT, and the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.



Recent Bipartisan Wins

Democrats in Congress are working together with Republicans to get bipartisan wins passed:

- Historic gun violence reform to enhance background checks, protect survivors of domestic violence, and invest in mental health care (Bipartisan Safer Communities Act)
- Legislation addressing the opioid crisis and substance use disorders (SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act)
- Criminal justice reform aimed at reducing recidivism, decreasing the federal inmate population, and maintaining public safety (First Step Act)
- Legislation establishing a new community care program for veterans (VA MISSION Act)



Recent Bipartisan Wins (cont.)

- Legislation to address gender-related barriers to economic growth and support women-led businesses (Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act)
- Robust foreign aid supporting Ukraine in their fight against Russian aggression (National Security Act, 2024)
- Protecting Social Security benefits for public servants from unnecessary reduction (Social Security Fairness Act)



The Administration's Illegal Funding Freeze

On Monday, January 27th, the Administration issued a memo freezing all federal financial assistance, including grants and loans.

- **Affected programs could include:**
 - **Head Start and Early Head Start Grants that provide funding for preschool services for low-income families with children from birth to age five.**
 - **Loans and disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration.**
 - **Federal support for state and local law enforcement.**
 - **Grants from the National Institutes of Health that support biomedical research.**
 - **Funding to assist wildfire preparedness and response.**



Funding Freeze (cont.)

- The Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 prevents the President from unilaterally deciding to not expend funds appropriated by Congress.
- In response to a lawsuit, a federal court issued an injunction against enforcement of the memo and scheduled a hearing on the case.
- On January 29th, the Administration withdrew the memo, but says the funding freeze remains in effect, attempting to circumvent legal challenges.
- Our office has been working with partners to push back on this illegal and harmful action. This week, I joined 29 colleagues in writing to the Administration expressing concerns about these actions and requesting that the Administration provide clarity to those affected.
- The situation is very much in flux and further legal action is likely, but I will continue to forcefully push back against this illegal overreach.



Additional Executive Actions by the Administration

Since taking office on January 20th, the new Administration has:

- Pardoned around 1,500 January 6 insurrectionists, including those who committed violence against police officers.
- Halted thousands of infrastructure projects, threatening jobs and critical repairs in communities across the country.
- Moved to increase oil drilling and paused new offshore wind projects, derailing climate efforts.
- Ended protections for LGBTQI+ Americans.
- Started deploying the U.S. military to the U.S.-Mexico border and opened up previous safe spaces like churches and schools to ICE raids.
- Attempted to end the constitutional right to citizenship for children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants.
- Began withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Eliminated programs dedicated to increasing diversity and equity.



Increasing Inequality Under the New Administration

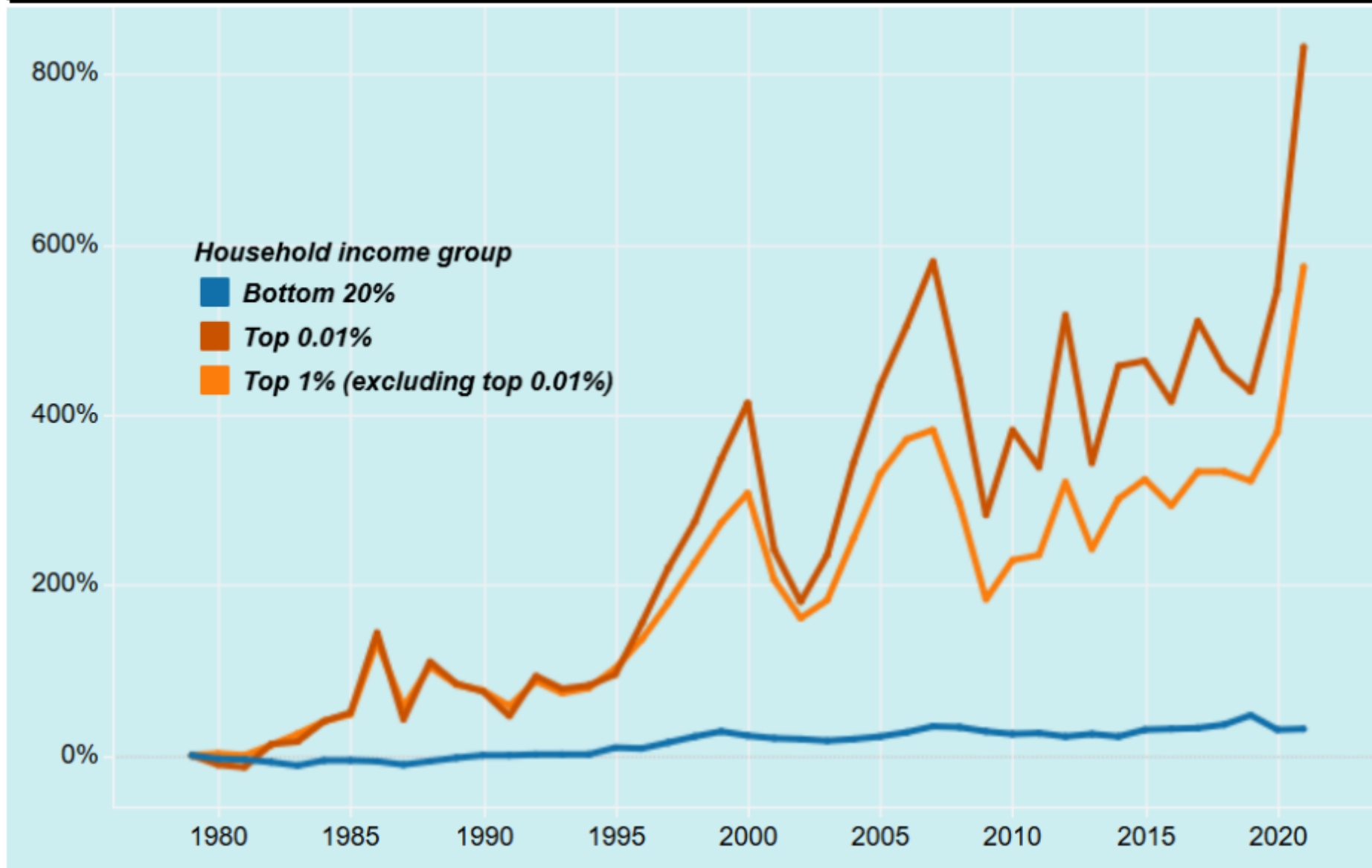
- The 3 wealthiest men in America - pictured here in the front row at the recent inauguration - have the same cumulated income as the bottom 165 million Americans.
 - Meanwhile, the new Administration and his unelected allies like Elon Musk have continued to signal a desire to cut taxes **AGAIN** for the ultra-wealthy.



“We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we cannot have both.” – Justice Louis Brandeis

Average Incomes for the Richest Americans Have Skyrocketed

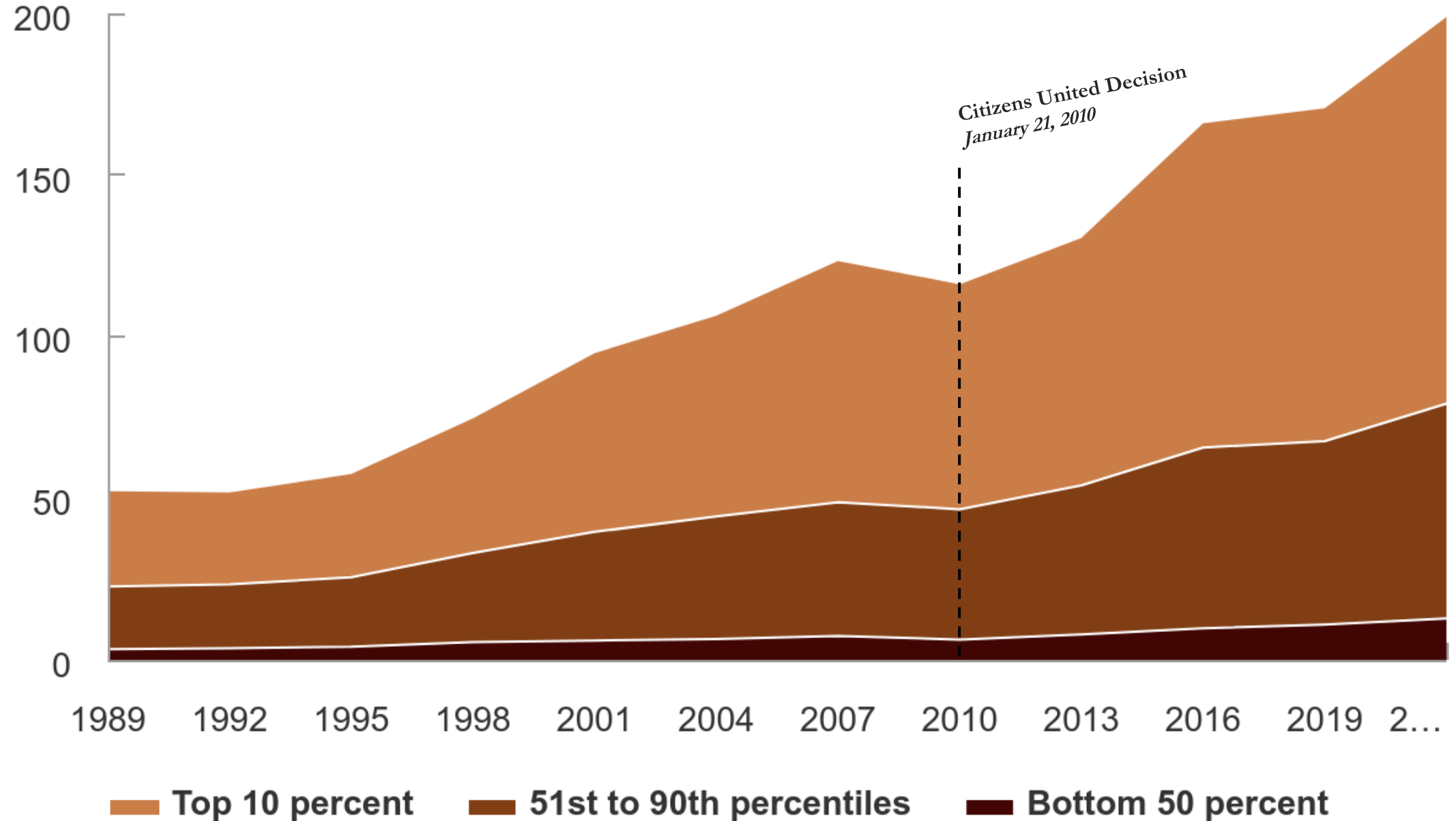
Cumulative growth in U.S. household income before taxes and public assistance, 1979-2021



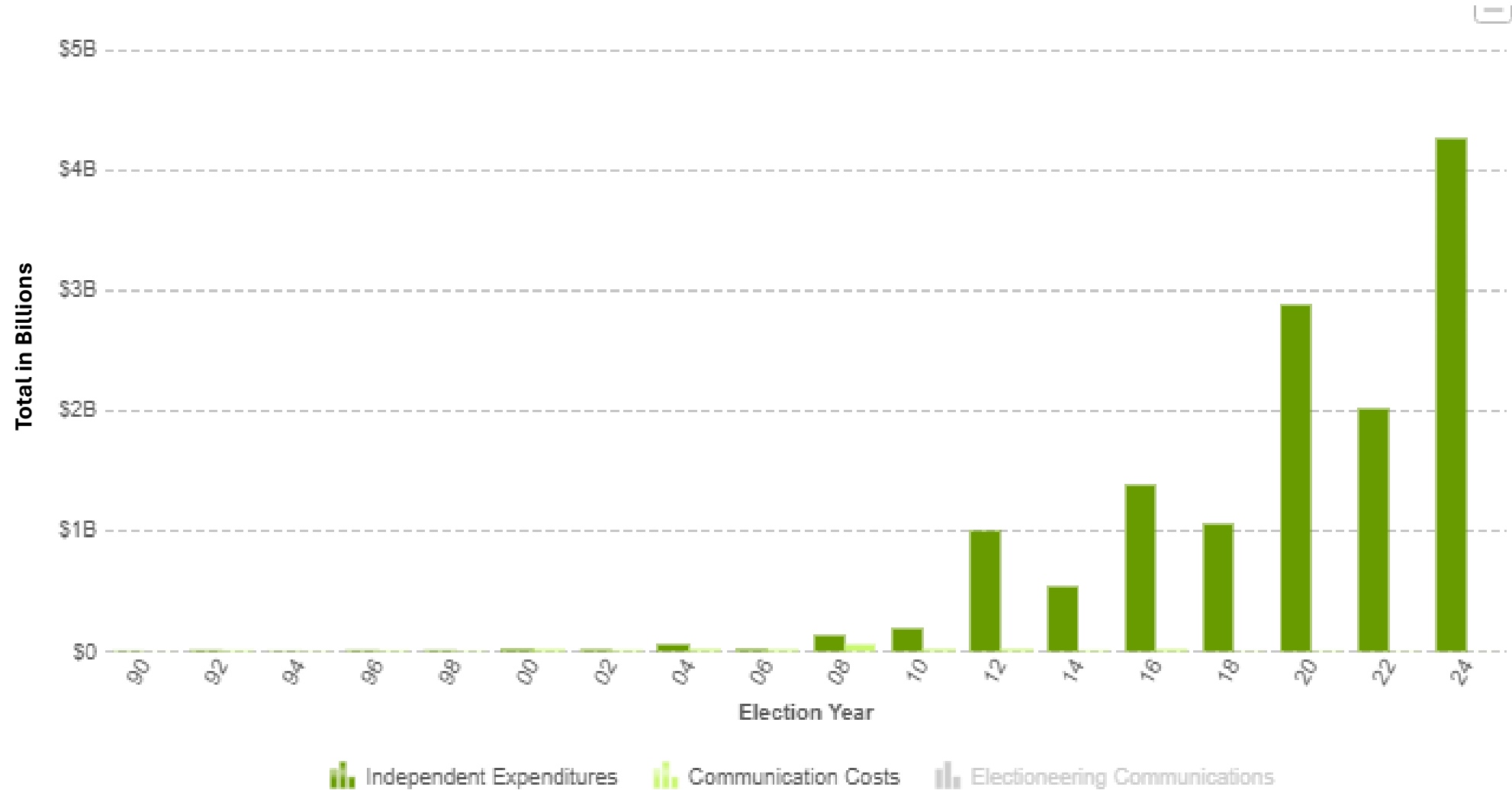
Source: Congressional Budget Office

Total Family Wealth, by Wealth Group

Trillions of 2022 dollars



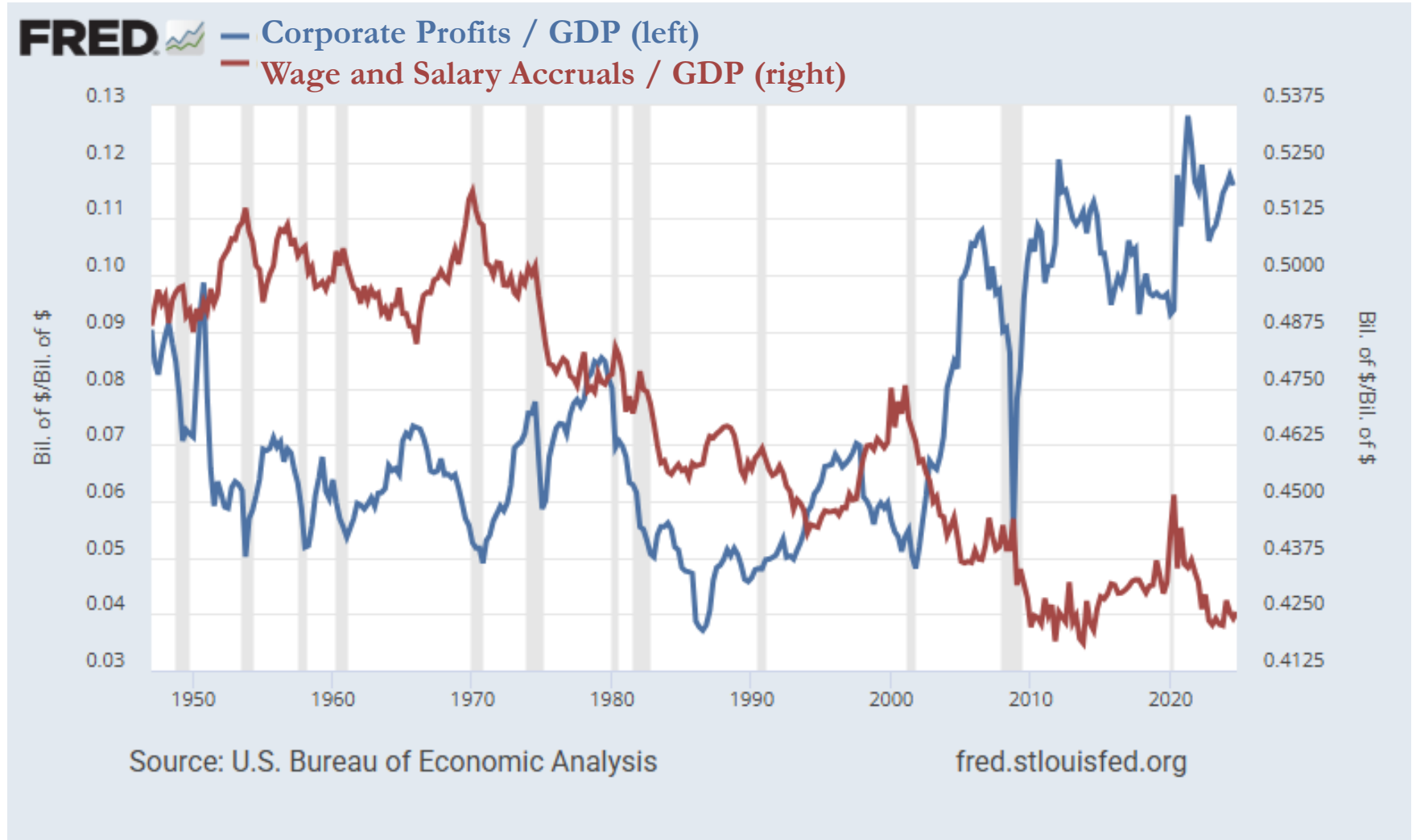
Total Outside Spending by Election Cycle, Excluding Party Committees



Source: Open Secrets

Inequality

As the rich get richer, workers are being left behind. The inequality between employers and employees continues to grow and to support the workforce, we need to get it back on track



Opportunities in 2025 and 2026

- Many members of Congress will be looking for opportunities to work across the aisle to pass bills that benefit working Americans and block legislation that might take away constitutional rights or threaten our democracy.
- No matter who is in power, Congress has a responsibility to perform oversight over federal agencies and executive actions.
- The Administration will need bipartisan support in Congress to advance many of its priorities, including raising the debt limit, so compromise will be necessary.



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